

# Unimas to showcase research work

**KUCHING:** Inexpensive lifesaving medical equipment, premium skincare made of coconut and street furniture spun out of recycled materials are just a few of the innovations on display at the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) new campus in Kota Samarahan from January 24-26.

These creations are among 45 selected products and exhibitions of interest at Unimas' inaugural Research and Development Exhibition 2007. The exhibition's main objective is to showcase some of the research work carried out in 2005 and 2006 by university academic staff along with 45 selected

exhibits that have the potential to shine at various international and national R&D expositions this year.

In conjunction with the exhibition, there will be a seminar-cum-workshop organised by the Research and Innovation Management Centre (RIMC) of Unimas. The seminar will present aspects of R&D, including sources of research funding and training of young researchers.

RIMC director Dr Awangku Abdul Rahman Yusof said yesterday during the officiating ceremony that in April 2006, Unimas participated in the 34th International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products of Geneva in Switzerland

and won four gold, three silver and one bronze medals along with Piala Seri Endon 2006 competition.

Unimas also took home three special international country awards in Geneva, while in November the "eBario" project from the Faculty of Computer Science and Technology won gold at the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration Management Biennial Conference 2006.

Unimas vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Abdul Rashid Abdullah regarded the R&D Exhibition 2007 as "a fine effort" which would usher Unimas into an annual tradition of R&D exhibitions.

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